

## **Monthly Report**

### **January 2007**

#### **The American University in Cairo (AUC)**

iEARN Egypt had 25 Scholarship from The American University in Cairo for iEARN English teachers to participate in The Twelfth Skills Conference "Critical Learning: Implications for Students, Teachers and Educational Systems" that was from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2007. The conference featured a testing colloquium, workshops, panel discussions, concurrent sessions, a book exhibition and a ticketed dinner. Keynote speakers are sponsored by the United States Public Affairs Section, the British Council and various publishers.

#### **Ministry of Education**

iEARN Egypt Country Coordinator was invited to attend the first Assembly of Reading and Writing Difficulties "Diagnosis and Cure" for the primary in Egypt in the Student Union. She met with his Excellency Dr. Youssry Saber El gamal Minister of Education, Dr. Reda Abo Serea under secrtery of Ministry of Education and a number of MOE officials and partners.

#### **2007 Preparations**

For the preparations of the 14<sup>th</sup> iEARN Annual International Conference and 11<sup>th</sup> Youth Summit to be hosted in Cairo, Egypt July 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007; the iEARN Egypt Country Coordinator met the Summit Organizing Committee (SOC) to follow up on the process of selecting and training the summit's volunteers. She met also with Mr. Hazem El Gendy Sales Manager of the Emirates Airlines and Mr. Mostafa from Movenpik Hotel. For fundraising and final accommodation plans.



#### **"Misr Alaty Fe Khatry"**

iEARN Egypt held January's special session. The session was presented by Dr. Nabil Farouk Ramadan a special writer and best seller in the Arts of the intelligence and espionage. iEARN students, teachers, and parents attended the session and interacted effectively with the lecturer.



## Strategic Board Meeting

The iEARN Egypt Ministerial Board Meeting was held in Ministry of Education to discuss the National beginner Training workshop that was held at Mubarak City in 6<sup>th</sup> of October City, the MUN training workshop and the Video Conference that will be with McKinley Technology High School in Washington, Citizen Project and the preparations of 2007 Conference.

## Kids Democracy



In reference to the collaboration between iEARN Egypt and Afro Egyptian Human Rights and Development Organization (AHERO), iEARN Country Coordinator and selected candidates participated in a two week exchange to the US in January 2007. They attended a pre-departure orientation at the AHERO office with their colleagues from different schools.



These are the students' pictures Fatma El Zahraa Mohamed from El Manar Language School and Bassem Essam from El Maadi Canal Language School in The Berkshire Eagle Newspaper while they were at Mount Evertt Regional School. The visit was part of the KIDmocracy program that linked Mount Evertt with schools in Egypt.

## "Teacher Development Training Program"



In collaboration with the British Council in Cairo, eight teachers from iEARN Egypt participate in "Teacher Development Training Program" for five days at the British Council, the program was to enhance and improve the ICT skills for the teachers. Mr. Ahmed Abd El Sttar, iEARN trainer, gave one session "Project Based Learning" as an effective (PBL) teaching method and introduced iEARN.



## "Shaping the Way We Teach English"

iEARN Egypt Country Coordinator attended a RELO meeting on "Shaping the Way We Teach English" plus the annual EFL meeting. Participants were from Asia, Turkey, Middle East and North Africa. The meeting had three speakers: Mr. Steve Hanchey –AMIDEAST Egypt Director who introduced "English Access Microscholarship Program", Ms. Dalia Khalil iEARN Egypt Country Coordinator, and Ms. Tahany Shemis – Coordinator who introduced "Classroom Practices for Promoting Good Citizen".



## Finding the RIGHT Volunteers

iEARN Egypt Youth Summit Committee started selecting non iEARNers volunteers for the 14<sup>th</sup> iEARN Annual International Conference and 11<sup>th</sup> Youth Summit process by accepting applications and interviewing candidates. The announcement was posted on the iEARN website [www.earnegypt.org](http://www.earnegypt.org). iEARN Alumni and Global Connections and Exchange students held interviews over a series of days to select the most effective volunteers to work on different tasks before and during the conference. All of the selection criteria and processes were developed solely by the iEARNers.



## Model United Nations Preparations (MUN)

iEARN Egypt Country Coordinator met with Ms. Samia Khalil the Public Affairs Specialist at the American Center, Alexandria for the preparations of the Model United Nations Training Workshop that will held at the American Center next month. Twenty-two teachers from eight governorates will share the knowledge and experience in this training. Each school is expected to act as a country in the MUN. In addition, this program is expected to:

- develop students' awareness and understanding about the current and Global Energy Crises
- develop collaborative projects and educational authentic materials with environmental focus and renewable energy prospective
- maintain skills in debate, team work, and scientific thinking
- develop 20 collaborative teams from iEARN schools in the following different governorates in North Egypt and Delta area e.g. Alexandria, Port Said, Matrouh, Domietta, Dakahlia, Gharbia, Kafr El Sheikh, and Behaira
- assist students and educators to use iEARN interactive forums for communication, planning their MUN activity, and continuous reflections about the program

- select an international school (or more) through the iEARN global network to share their experience and plans for a similar MUN program
- hold a video conference during the International Education Week (Nov. 13 – 17) with involved international schools
- conduct a one-day MUN simulation on Global Energy Crises at the American Center in Alexandria with all the 20 teams
- offer several opportunities for some of the 20 teams to present their MUN program at different iEARN local and international events e.g. iEARN Day (March 23<sup>rd</sup>), Youth Can Conference (April 23<sup>rd</sup>), and the iEARN International Conference (July 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>)
- meet, discuss, and link with environmental professionals/experts/scientists in Egypt that can be of further assistantship for the students in the future